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A BIG SMILE FOR TODD—The Gould Academy community—faculty, staff, students, and trustees—got together to send a unique get-well wish to faculty member Todd Siekman, who is recovering from recent surgery for an acoustic neuroma at Massachusetts General Hospital. Todd's wife, Kara, had asked all of their family and friends to "smile frequently during the day and send Todd your best smiling vibes and prayers" during his 10-hour surgery on Jan. 31, and throughout his recovery. The Siekmans report that Todd's recovery is going very well, and they continue to feel blessed by the smiles and positive energy being sent their way.

Dirk MacKnight

Bethel selectman: Show me savings in BWD/sewer merger

By Alison Aloisio

Bethel Town Manager Jim Doar said Monday he has heard from many residents about a potential merger between the independent Bethel Water District and the town's sewer department, with the town overseeing both.

The most publicly vocal has been Scott Cole, Bethel's former town manager.

At Monday's board meeting Selectman Don Bennett, citing previous studies of such a proposal that went nowhere, said he would consider revisiting it if Cole can provide substantive proof of his claim a merger would save rate-

payers 10 to 30 percent, and enough residents are interested in pursuing it.

Cole did not attend the meeting.

Doar said he sees some duplication of administration under the current arrangement, and believes there could be some savings in a merger.

He suggested a formal committee study that would include the interested parties.

Also attending the meeting were officials from the Water District and the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

BWD board Chair Brent

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Newry candidates make their cases

By Amy Chapman

Long-time Newry selectman Wendy Hanscom is being challenged for her seat by Doug Webster. Each was asked to describe their priorities for the town for the future:

Wendy Hanscom

Wendy Hanscom has been a member of the Newry Board of Selectmen for 19 years, and has served as its Chair for the past two years. She is running for re-election for a three-year term, and cites experience as among her top qualifications.

Hanscom said she has seen a lot of changes in her years on the board, both in the growth of the town and in the way town government is run.

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Letters

MOLLYOCKETT – NOT WHO, BUT HOW

To the Editor:

Last week Lorraine Larson wrote about how I was embarrassed about MollyOckett Day. I called her and we had a great conversation. I clarified that I am delighted that our community celebrates a native woman from the 18th century and has a festival named for her. My difficulty had been with the way we had been honoring her.

Our history with native people in this country has made it hard to see how we stereotype them and appropriate their culture. And what makes that all the more painful is that the context for native people all across this country is that their communities are the most socio-economically distressed by far (one shocking snapshot: life expectancy for a native person in Maine is 54, for non-native Mainers it is 78.6). And this situation is not because of who they are, but because of what happened to them, for generations.

The main point Lorraine made to me is how sad it is that the original intention of MollyOckett Day, to raise money for folks in our community who needed help, has been lost over the years. It was about health and wellness and caring for one another, which MollyOckett exemplified. I agree with Lorraine. It is important to note, however, that one of the roles the MollyOckett Day Festival serves is to provide a venue for non-profits to share their missions with festival-goers. This creates the opportunity for significant fundraising, which makes it possible for the furtherance of their missions.

Perhaps, as we become more respectful in our approach to MollyOckett Day, we could reinstate that original intention. Maybe there could be a big barrel in the center of the green with a tiny slot in the top for whatever size donation festival-goers would care to drop in? Proceeds to benefit those most in need.

Arla Patch
Bryant Pond

SUPPORT HANSCOM FOR SELECTMAN

To the Editor:

Residents of Newry, Town Meeting is March 3 at 7 p.m. at the Newry Grange Hall. Come out and support our incumbent selectman. A vote for Wendy Hanscom is a vote for proven leadership, concern for the issues facing our town and seeking the best solutions. After 19 years of town service she has a firm grasp on the policies and procedures of municipal government. Come out and support Wendy Hanscom and keep our town moving in the right direction.

Sylvia Gray
Newry

ECONOMIC APOCALYPSE

To the Editor:

Initially I will concede that the credibility of an 84 year old that never finished high school might understandably be regarded with a reasonable degree of skepticism. Yet I would suggest that perceptive comprehensive awareness is not necessarily a trait that is acquired in the learning institutions of this nation.

Due to the colossally outrageous antics that are taking place in this nation's governing structure, I now find it difficult to dispel a vision of apocalyptic consequence and proportion. It is becoming more and more obviously apparent that the corporate, special interest and the associated financial institutions of this nation are wielding their overwhelming monetary superiority to render the concept of a government of the people and for the people invalid.

If the collective electorate of this nation that are below the status of the top monetary one percent, be they Democrat, Republican, Independent, black, white or any other compelling persuasion, do not recognize and respond appropriately to what is already taking place, they will invite and eventually visit upon themselves a paralytic degree of economic disparity.

It has now become blatantly apparent that the domineering degree of financial influence that has been exercised by the corporate and special interests has bought and paid for the resolute allegiance of the Republican establishment in Washington.

This is evidenced by the fact that every vestige of the Republican Washington establishment is dedicated to the further enrichment of their financial benefactors at the expense of any consideration for the rest of this nation's citizenry. The apocalyptic consequence of this endeavor will become increasingly evident as each successive segment of the economic echelon succumbs to the monetary greed of those above.

Wake up, America! Your country is teetering precariously on the threshold of not being governed by the will of the people but instead being taken over and ruled by a collection of self-serving, ethically bankrupt, morally delinquent money mongers.

Don Chase
Bethel

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OPPOSE KEYSTROKE PIPELINE

To the Editor:

There is no sensible argument in support of the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline. This proposal by Big Oil runs against our national interest and simple priorities we all share: our well-being ahead of special interests, an economy that works for everyone and a climate our children can live with.

Whether President Obama will stand up for us is unknown. Both his own words and the latest State Department report are contradictory and vague. Add to this a steaming pile of industry propaganda and distract reporting, and things get confusing.

One thing is clear though – if we are to stabilize the global climate, we have to leave most fossil fuel reserves in the ground, starting now. That is the mathematics, physics, chemistry and common sense reality.

That means clean energy must become a priority, and fossil fuel burning must be reduced. The Keystone XL scheme would take us a big step in the wrong direction – moving 800,000 barrels a day, of some of the world's dirtiest fuel from Canada through the US to international markets, for the next 40 years.

The political challenge is whether enough Americans, who are already concerned about their economic future, will speak up to protect their own families.

We have made a good start, and there will be a number of actions against the KXL in the next weeks and months that you can find online. I encourage folks to join us in making a really big stir!

Ken Hotopp
Newry

SOCHI

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forth," said Diane. Lindsay graduated in December, and turned her attention full time to training.

Disaster nearly struck at the end of December, when Lindsay fell and tore an ACL. Fortunately, the injury did not stop her skiing for long. Her doctor said she could still race with a brace, but would need surgery after Sochi.

"She's very strong," said Diane. "It worked out."

They have scaled back their competition goals, however. Instead of racing in both the slalom and giant slalom, they will only do the GS, Lindsay's best event.

The U.S. Olympic Committee is making all the travel arrangements for them as they continue to train.

When they get to Russia, they will stay in the Olym-



Lindsay Ball and Diane Barras. Adaptive Spirit

pic Village and compete in the same venues and facilities as the Olympic athletes.

The two women are very excited, said Diane. "We're going to Sochi!" she said.

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'Of Mopping Up and Manhattan'

More F.T.S.F. (first time since the fire) days; when I realized the plaster cough had left me; when food tasted good for the first time; when I knew that while there were still lots of things to be done, as a great box of brass to be polished, that it could wait, no hurry; that I could take a ride on Duchess or walk to the ledges to see wild columbine. Next problem what to make new curtains from; the supply of heavy old quilted bedspreads was no more. Came Scottie B. She was driving down to Manhattan to see her parents for a few days, would I like to go. The gardens had not had their spring weeding but inside the windows and floors were bare. I would love to see my friends, buy cloth, museum a bit. I baked a pot of beans, a batch of bread, some cookies and a ham to leave for B.B. and was off.

She left me near 50th Street and Madison Avenue. As I stood on the corner waiting for a bus, I had a temporary feeling of unease. It was hot, crowded, cluttered, and smelly. A hat, high heels, town dress and coat seemed confining; my small suitcase was heavy. Why had I come? I picked up my friend, M.G., at her new glass-walled office building and we swayed out to her garden apartment in Queens. H.B. was already home. I changed to shirt and shorts. Our tongues flew, continuing a happy thirty-five year friendship. Lingering over Sunday breakfast, I remembered the weather differential; a wool suit was too hot to wear outside. M.G. and H.B. were successful career girls, already had the desk next to the window, did all their own tailoring, had two sewing machines. H.B. broke out a length of black linen planned for a skirt; they are tall girls. M.G. helped me cut out a simple dress. H.B. typed away on some genealogical data, a spare time research project. M.G. bustled about doing laundry, filtering water, playing records, and stopping now and then to help me fit and stitch. By midafternoon my dress was ready. We went out to Flushing Meadows to see a bit of the fair, through the Spanish pavilion, the Flamenco dancers; the Churchill exhibit; the Disney Wonderlan. We ate strawberry waffles at the Belgium village, bought B.B. a green beret, finished the day watching the enchanting colored fountains.

Lounging about with the paper next a.m., I sat up with a start. Sloanes were having a rug sale. For the past few years I had seen these sales advertised and thought if I were only in Manhattan what bargains I could buy. We needed a rug for the study, our hand-braided one had been ruined, now I was here, and here was a sale. It would be a denial of luck not to buy one; into my new black dress and in town. Coming up by the Public Library, I wondered if I would feel again the sense of unease but no, I felt wonderful, home again on familiar ground, free as a bird. I sniffed the air; it reminded me of our fire odor, it really was polluted. In to Sloanes. There were rugs rolled up, lying about like a pile of cordwood. I looked about, picked my man, told him I had never bought a rug in my life, knew not how to judge quality. What colors would I be interested in, he asked me, and I started myself by calmly announcing white. (Could a devil have prompted me? White for a country house with people tracking in mud, snow, sand, horsehair!) We went to a pile, I looked at one corner, thought the rug was nice. My man walked a few steps and turned over another corner. This one he said was off-white, worth twice as much as the other one and also larger. Any of them would have to be cut down so the size did not matter; I would take it. He put on a tag, led me to a little desk to finish the business. I told him I was down from the hills of Maine, had not planned to buy a rug, could he take a check on a little Maine bank? Fishing for my identification I came out with my card to donate my eyes to the eye bank should I die close enough to a hospital. About getting it cut, B.B. had always said that, when and if we ever bought a rug, nine by twelve would do but now with a choice would he prefer a different size? I pondered; my man suggested I wait till we got it home and decide then. We could cut it down ourselves (later we did, not too difficult when you knew the rules). He walked me to the elevator; twenty minutes had passed. I was out on Fifth Avenue again, a splendid way to shop but could this be I who usually agonized and procrastinated over expensive purchases?

Finding curtain material was more difficult as the colors in the English wallpaper were not in style this year but I went up and down, in and out, stopping for a rest in Bryant Park, back to the fray and finally found something I liked. Next for something to break the monotony of the "old 1299" on the bathroom walls. At last I discovered a roll of old, out-of-style-for-years eighteen-inch border. This would do. It was late when I got back to the apartment and the girls had begun to wonder about me. M.G., who only sewed for art's sake, listened appreciatively to my report. H.B., who only sewed to save money for other pursuits, wondered how I could possibly have put in such a day in the shops. I explained that ordinarily I couldn't have done it but needed the things, spent much time in the house (here I was more prophetic than I knew), didn't want to settle for any old thing, I'd be living with it for years. I smiled and said it was the Capen blood of persistence and reminded her of the Greaves and the Bridgeman. She smiled assent.

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Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Marie Keane's fifth grade class won the "Best Decorated" prize in the annual Great Snowbox Derby for their pirate ship titled "Curse of the Keanes."

Gould Academy drama presented Kaufman and Hart's 1936 Pulitzer Prize winning play "You Can't Take It With You." Deaths: Francis A. Coffin, George B. Hopkins, Jr., Arlene Marie Farr, Marjorie Kessell, Olga M. Gellatly, Armand Michaud.

20 years ago: The Telstar High School boys won the giant slalom portion of the MVC Ski Championships, and finished in third place overall.

The entire student body of Crescent Park School was guest of developer Heinie Merrill for a trip to West Paris on the Sunday River Express.

Births: Catelynn Amy Bennett, Jennifer Jean Martin, Jason Christopher Powers, Izaak Ellis Mills, Jonah Stuart Thurlow.

Deaths: Wilbur R. Myers, Kimball Easterbrook.

30 years ago: William Judson, 17, of Bethel represented Mundt-Allen Post 81 in the Second District American Legion Oratorical Contest at Mechanic Falls.

Mike Kelly was the winner of the first weekly running of the Hoisington Challenge at Sunday River Ski Touring Center.

Birth: Kyle David York.

Deaths: Donald M. Morrill, Col. Arthur H. Goldstein.

40 years ago: The deed of conveyance for the Moses Mason House and Meeting Room was transferred to the Bethel Historical Society by the William Bingham II Trust.

Daniel Vogt was appointed circulation manager of the Bowdoin College student newspaper, "The Orient."

Deaths: Ray Lisherness, Carl S. Moxey.

50 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Packard purchased the Rodney Eames property on Chapman Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gallant, Teddy and Sheila Marie, hiked in to their camp at Upper Dam.

Birth: Roland Duro Myers.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Ann Fuller.

60 years ago: The Lucky Clover 4-H Club of East Bethel met at the home of Serena and Patty Coolidge with 11 members present.

Temperatures in the area reached 20 below zero, accompanied by piercing wind, and 14+ inches of snow.

Deaths: Silas D. Keniston, Mrs. Eva W. McAlister, Mrs. Ruth W. Hopkins.

70 years ago: A fire at the Paris Tanning Co., South Paris, caused damage estimated at \$30,000.

Lt. Col. David E. Hayes, commander of the Maine State Guard died suddenly at Rumford after attending the Command Post Exercises of the State Guard Reserve.

Death: John W. Berry.

80 years ago: Very warm – a temperature of 50 degrees was reported from South Woodstock.

Deaths: Rinaldo L. Cummings, Miss Fannie Sanborn.

90 years ago: The farm buildings of Alton Paine in Albany were destroyed by fire.

The Bethel Town Report gave the following figures: Real estate, resident, \$902,990; Real estate, non-resident, \$107,785; Personal Estate, resident, \$375,948; Personal estate, non-resident, \$38,650; Total valuation, \$1,425,873.

100 years ago: Bethel was represented by 11 boys at the Boys' Conference in Lewiston-Auburn. Deaths: Judge Edward E. Chase, Mrs. Eliza A. Chase.

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MERGER

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Angevine and Trustee Reggie Brown, before they became trustees, served on a committee that most recently looked into a merger, in 2007.

"It was concluded that a merger was not in the town's best interest," Angevine said.

He also said the panel then was loosely organized and received "no administrative assistance from the town to run the committee. We kept asking the town manager [Scott Cole] to present numbers. He never did. He never gave us any hard numbers. All we could see was adding another administrative layer to the town."

Doar said Monday there was no written report from that committee.

Angevine acknowledged that currently "there is some overlap in administration." But, he added, Maine Public Utility Commission rules would require separate accounting books and billing for the water system anyway.

Brown said that in the past some residents, including himself, had complained about the BWD rental fees charged to the town for fire hydrants. But after serving on the study committee and learning more about the needed revenue they generate, he said that no matter who oversees the water system "You're not going to save a nickel."

Doar said he had not recently heard concerns about hydrants, but had heard complaints about separate bills for water and sewer.

Bennett also served on the earlier study committee. He agreed with Angevine's claim that Cole did not provide solid numbers.

"It always seemed to come down to the same thing: there's a 10 to 30 percent savings," Bennett said. He said he kept telling Cole, "Show me."

Bennett said Monday he would look at the issue again if a sizeable town constituency favored it after someone could prove savings to them.

"I'm going to have to see some real numbers before I'm interested in go-

ing down that road again. If Scott wants to work the figures and let everyone see what he can come up with, I'm certainly willing to look at it," he said.

He added that he doesn't think many residents understand the extent of the PUC rules that govern the BWD. "You're tied into this bundle of PUC rules and you have to go by them," he said.

Bennett also said that because the Water District was originally created by an act of the Legislature, it would take similar action to take it away, a process that could take two years. The earlier study also determined such a process would cost \$20,000 to \$30,000 in legal and other fees, he said.

BWD employee Don Katlin, who has been with the district for decades, said he had seen efforts toward a merger four or five times since 1977 and the issue was often personalities.

"This whole thing has not been about money since 1983," he said. "It's been about people not being able to accept 'no': I want a water line here! 'No, you can't do that because the PUC won't allow it,'" he said by way of example.

Jarrod Crockett, who also attended the meeting, asked about the possibility of putting the sewer department under the Water District. "You have to look at consolidation both ways," he said. "The Water District is cheaper to run than a town organization."

Angevine said there had been discussion in the past about that scenario but it didn't go anywhere. He also said the BWD runs efficiently - that there have been no recent increases in rates, and the district has reduced its operating costs every year for the past six years.

Chairman Stan Howe asked if selectmen wanted to hold a public hearing.

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ing to gauge interest in a merger, or put an article on the Town Meeting warrant to form another study group. He said he had heard from about a dozen people interested in looking into the issue.

Former selectmen Jack Cross, who attended the meeting, said that after the last study "We all agreed that this is put to bed. We all agreed to leave the Water District alone."

Monday's discussion later moved to the situation that prompted the latest debate about a merger - the need to fill a vacancy on the BWD board. Selectmen appoint the members, and at their last meeting Doar raised the question of whether to appoint a trustee who is clearly interested in a merger. The board tabled the issue until this week.

Said Angevine Monday, "We are at a disadvantage right now because of your decision not to appoint a trustee." And, he said, "Consolidation, or whatever anybody wants to do with the Water District, should be a separate issue from the trustee. We are responsible for the operation and the safe delivery of water to the townspeople. It should not be tied up in a political process."

Selectmen eventually agreed to hold a special meeting to talk with Scott Fraser, one of the trustee applicants. The other is Doar.

No action was taken on a merger study.

Cole's view

Cole was unable to attend the meeting, but he sent a letter of comment along with a copy of a letter he had sent the board last year.

In this week's letter he favored appointing a trustee in favor of putting water operations under town control, and reiterated his claim that costs would be reduced by 10 to 30 percent.

In last year's letter he cited separate billing for water and sewer as an exam-

ple of duplication, along with labor, building and vehicle costs. He also noted recent advancements in technology in both systems that allows remote monitoring and maintenance actions. "Yet the two entities together continue to employ six individuals as they have for many years and well before deployment of current labor-saving methods," he wrote.

He also said the 2007 committee identified "a variety of duplicative costs and examples where operating separate systems were contrary to the public interest. Trustees at the time immediately dismissed the findings, without explanation, and the idea went no further."

As for the comments Monday that he did not provide information for the earlier study, Cole provided the following response on Tuesday:

"Throughout my 10-year tenure as Bethel town manager, I was never asked to provide any information whatsoever regarding potential savings that could be realized through dissolution of the water district. It was rarely discussed and when the topic did come up, the selectmen quickly stifled conversation. I respected the selectmen's wishes and kept quiet in all public meetings. The record will reflect that."

"Regarding the 2007 study, I attended all meetings in the capacity of town manager, but my views or thoughts were never solicited by the study committee in any manner. I was merely a silent witness to the entire process and it was a sham. The outcome of the study was determined by committee members before it started."

"For anyone to now suggest that I would not, or could not, provide specifics on potential savings during the study is 180 degrees from the truth and borderline slanderous."

"Looking forward, I

would be happy to participate with others in an analysis of water system management alternatives on the condition that the analysis be objectively performed with documentation and a full public airing upon completion. All of these elements were lacking in 2007."

"My recent involvement in this issue has been strictly as a customer of both systems - water and sewer - and I want a lower total bill. It's sad that people are attacking me rather than offering legitimate counterpoints. Maybe that is because there are none."

Raises, staff changes

In other business at Monday's meeting, selectmen voted to give town employees 2.5 percent raises after Doar presented figures showing raises had averaged 1.5 percent in the past five years.

They also agreed to explore making the current half-time code enforcement officer position full-

time at a salary of about \$42,000.

Doar said demand for CEO services has picked up in the two years since the job became half-time. CEO Jeff Warden, who attended the meeting, said he has to neglect some responsibilities because of the limited hours.

The board also agreed to look into a half-time recreation director position, which was recommended by an Ad Hoc committee on recreation. That estimated salary would be \$14,500 a year.

The two position proposals will go next to the Budget Committee.

Also discussed was the potential down the road to add a public works employee. Doar cited the increasing workload, giving such examples as putting up flags and parade barricades, but also noted the potential for more work associated with the town's Bingham property and possible additional recreational fields.

Telstar musical is cancelled

The Telstar spring musical "Brigadoon," scheduled for next month, has been cancelled.

"A very difficult decision," THS Principal Dan Hart said Wednesday. "We had decided during last summer to move the spring musical performance from May to March. We found having a musical in May, already a very busy month, contains many conflicts and time management issues of students balancing academic, athletic commitments, Advanced Placement exams, dance recital practice for a

show in June, and being in a school musical.

"Our first attempt of having a musical in March was this year. However, due to a combination of unforeseen events, conflicts with winter athletics' schedules, snow days and academic eligibility - all were factors that led to a meeting with Drama Club Advisor Tom Coolidge and cast members and support crew of the spring musical a week ago.

"After an open discussion, it was decided to cancel this spring's production."

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Eight in Bethel area arrested on meth charges

Eight people from the Bethel area were arrested Friday for trafficking/manufacturing methamphetamine.

Other similar investigations are ongoing and more arrests are expected, according to a press release from the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency. The release follows:

Arrested Friday were (hometowns provided in release):

David Thompson, 52 of Gilead, Class A Trafficking/Manufacturing Methamphetamine

Mico Thompson, 31 of Gilead, Class B Trafficking/Manufacturing Methamphetamine

Scott Hart, 36 of Albany, Class B Trafficking/Manufacturing Methamphetamine

Amanda Thompson, 28 of Albany, for Class B Trafficking/Manufacturing Methamphetamine

Joshua Spencer, 28 of Greenwood, for Class B Trafficking /Manufacturing Methamphetamine

Heidi Owens, 24 of Greenwood, for Class B Trafficking/Manufacturing Methamphetamine

Joel Mills, 38 of Mason Township, for Class B Trafficking/Manufacturing Methamphetamine

Rodney Levesque, 35 of Oxford, Class B Trafficking/



Amanda Thompson
Pattie Brook Rd., Albany



Scott Hart
Pattie Brook Rd., Albany



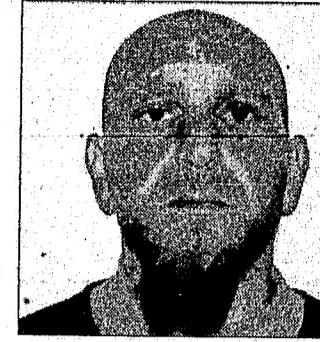
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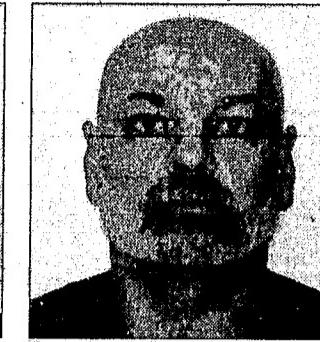
Joel Mills
Interval Rd., Bethel



Heidi Owens
Main St., Greenwood



Joshua Spencer
Mason St., Bethel



David Thompson
North Rd., Gillead



Mico Thompson
North Rd., Gillead
(addresses provided at time of booking by person charged)

Manufacturing Methamphetamine

All eight were also charged with Class C conspiracy to traffic in methamphetamine.

For the past three months, agents assigned to the Western District Task Force Office of the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency conducted an investigation into the manufacturing and distribution of methamphetamine, according to the release.

The methamphetamine

The investigation revealed an organized group of individuals who routinely purchased components used to manufacture methamphetamine.

The group was systematic in their methods of acquiring many of the components, particularly pseudoephedrine, a common cold decongestant essential to the manufacturing process, according to the release.

The methamphetamine

produced was then sold throughout Oxford County.

Agents with the assistance of the Oxford County Sheriff's Department, Oxford Police Department, Maine State police secured residences in Oxford, Greenwood, Albany, Gillead and Mason Township pending the execution of search warrants.

A total of six search warrants were executed throughout the day to include one of a vehicle belonging to Rod-

ney Levesque. This vehicle along with two residences in Mason Township and Gillead required the use of the Maine Drug Enforcement Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement Team (CDLET).

Due to the extremely toxic and explosive nature of Methamphetamine manufacturing, Maine Drug Enforcement Agency's Cland-

destine Drug Laboratory Enforcement Team (CDLET) was activated and responded in order to safely dismantle and seize the clandestine laboratories.

Specially trained agents from around the state along with two State of Maine chemists, utilizing specialized equipment and protective gear dismantled five "one pot" laboratories in the vehicle and residences. They also retained samples of the laboratories for criminal prosecution in the future.

Assisting MDEA CDLET were specially trained members of the US Drug Enforcement Administration's Clandestine Laboratory Team. The state's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) assisted in the safe disposal of the hazardous waste products related to the laboratories.

All eight arrests were transported to the Oxford County Jail. Bail was set at \$100,000 dollars, Surety or \$75,000 dollars cash for David Thompson. Bail was set at \$75,000 dollars cash for the other seven. Hart was also being held on a probation violation.

These arrests and search warrants have dismantled an organized group responsible for the manufacturing and distribution of methamphetamine throughout Oxford County.

Other drugs lead the way, but meth use is on rise

By Alison Aloisio

While heroin and prescription pills continue to be the drugs of choice in this region of Maine, according to law enforcement officials, methamphetamine is gaining throughout the state.

"It's jumping up exponentially," MDEA Regional Supervisor Matt Cashman said Monday.

In recent years the number of meth labs uncovered annually in Maine has gone from five to 11 to 20, he said.

Five "one-pot" labs were dismantled in Friday's raids in the Bethel area (see related story).

The group arrested here was "systematic in their methods of acquiring many of the components, particularly pseudoephedrine," according to the MDEA press release.

Maine limits the retail purchase of the cold decongestant drug and requires

stores selling pseudoephedrine to keep it behind the counter, Cashman said.

Purchasers typically select a card representing the type they want from a shelf display and present it at the counter. By law stores may ask for an ID from purchasers and keep a log of the amount purchased.

The meth "cookers" are looking for a specific type of medicine, Cashman said.

He said that while most cases of meth manufacture are for personal use, it's not unusual for users to also traffic in it. For the group arrested here, he said, "it was for both personal use and sale."

Cashman said the manufacturing and use of meth cuts across all generations.

The Oxford County Sheriff's Department was brought into the local investigation about three weeks ago, according to Cashman. He said the successful operation leading to the arrests was the result

of teamwork among many agencies.

Because meth labs are highly volatile and can cause burns, the MDEA has done safety training classes with first responders who may be called to a home or other location for a fire or injuries.

The Bethel Fire Department received such training two years ago.

Said Fire Chief Mike Jodrey, "We get training on both home based full scale meth labs and now the new 'one pot' or '30 minute meth,' which is what they had Friday. Both are extremely explosive and hazardous. You must have a special Haz Mat team to work with the stuff. Many times a home has to be gutted after the fact to clean it. The fire marshal and Maine D.E.A. agents train us to basically secure the scene and stay away until their special team comes to handle it. We just stand by for them if needed."

According to an affidavit by Maine Drug Enforcement Agency agent Tony Milligan, Thompson confessed to being the group's leader and the person primarily responsible for manufacturing most of the drug, a highly addictive stimulant.

Thompson is also responsible for teaching his children, Mico and Amanda Thompson, Levesque and Hart how to manufacture meth and recently moved to Maine to live with Mico, according to Milligan. He has felony drug charges pending in other out-of-state jurisdictions,

Milligan said.

MDEA Supervisor Matt Cashman said methamphetamine production sometimes grows when an experienced producer teaches other people how to cook the drug, creating a "multiplier effect" as the trend catches on.

"One person teaches two people, those two people teach four people, and so on and so on," Cashman said.

"Fortunately, it looks like we've nipped this in the bud before it becomes like a cancer in the Oxford area," he said.

On Friday, MDEA agents, along with the Maine State Police, Oxford County Sheriff's Office and Oxford Police Department executed six search warrants, uncovering laboratories in Thompson's and Mills' homes and seizing materials and equipment used for producing meth in other homes and a pickup truck owned by Levesque.

The labs were producing small multiple gram batches, a far cry from "superlabs" that can produce kilos of the drug, but still significant for the

area, Cashman said. The laboratory discovered in Thompson's house in Gillead was "very sophisticated" Cashman said.

The search warrants were the culmination of a nearly three-month investigation led by Milligan.

The investigation included controlled purchases of methamphetamine from Levesque and Hart, according to Milligan's affidavit.

Transaction records also implicate Amanda Thompson, Owens, and Spencer in making purchases in Maine and New Hampshire of pseudoephedrine-based products used to produce meth.

Cashman said it was not a surprise that methamphetamine has shown up in Oxford County, taking into account the exponential growth of the drug's production in Maine. His agency is projecting busting 30-40 meth labs in the state this year, up from five in 2011.

Thompson is charged with aggravated trafficking in an unlawful drug and criminal conspiracy. He is being held on \$50,000 cash or \$75,000 surety bail.

Andover's uncertainty complicates SAD 44 budget

By Amy Chapman

Faced with uncertainty about the outcome of an upcoming referendum vote in Andover, SAD 44 directors Monday night discussed their options for developing a budget for the 2014-15 school year.

On March 18, Andover residents will vote on restarting the process of withdrawing from the school district. It is expected that the time between that vote and a potential second vote on whether to actually withdraw will be much shorter than the last time the town considered the issue, since the basic withdrawal agreement between the town and the district has already been negotiated.

However, the timing means the board's Finance Committee must take into account several possible scenarios when drawing up a budget for next year, including Andover withdrawing or remaining a part of the district. The board must also consider whether to vote to close Andover Elementary School or continue to try to negotiate an agreement with the town to take ownership of the school, should residents ultimately vote not to withdraw.

Frank DeLuca of Bethel opposed having any discussion on voting to close the school as part of the budget process until after the referendum. "I don't think it is in the board's interest to discuss whether the school will be open or closed before Andover votes," he said. "We need to see how it plays out."

But Newry director Deb Web-

ster said, "I agree that, philosophically, it would be lovely to wait, but as a member of the Finance Committee, we don't have enough time to wait in order to get a budget out. We can't prepare three different budgets."

The referendum will not give any finite answers," said Supt. David Murphy, reminding the board that it is only a vote on restarting the process.

Webster asked if there was time enough for Andover to vote to withdraw and be ready to operate its own school by the beginning of the 2014-15 school year.

Murphy said that based on his most recent conversation with the district's attorney, it would be very challenging, but was not completely out of the question.

But Andover director Tim Akers said his understanding is that the state has said that they would not approve Andover operating on its own by this fall.

Last week, Andover selectmen voted 2-1 to remove a question from the March 18 ballot that would have given voters a chance to approve an agreement with the district to return the AES building to the town and lease it back to the district to operate for up to three years.

Marcel Polak of Woodstock, a member of the committee that drafted the proposal, said he was disappointed that Andover voters would not be given an opportunity to choose a less expensive option for keeping AES open. "I'm also disappointed that what I felt was a very reasonable and fair com-

promise was rejected," he said. "There is potentially a \$600,000 difference in the amount Andover will have to spend each year to keep the school open."

But Akers said he would not characterize the selectmen's decision as a rejection of the proposal's merits. Rather, he said, the board did not think there was enough time to agree on final wording of the proposal in time for it to be available to absentee voters the required 30 days prior to the March 15 Town Meeting.

After some discussion of the various possible scenarios, Webster said, "I'm just trying to figure out—what do we do about Andover next year?"

Murphy said that if, in the face of a possible vote by the board to close the school, Andover "is thinking about making an offer like they have for the past couple of years [to pay an additional sum to the district to keep the school open], the time to do that is before a vote is taken to close the school, because a vote starts the whole process with the paperwork we have to generate."

"It sounds to me like you should assume the school is going to be open," said Andover director Esau Cooper, adding that the board should plan its budget as if the town will still be part of SAD 44 next year. "You can't make assumptions until something changes."

Directors scheduled an extra board meeting to further discuss the timeline for planning for next year. That meeting will be held at the Telstar library at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 24.



The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard

The 50th anniversary of the Beatles arrival in America and on the Ed Sullivan Show left me delighted and a little depressed all at the same time.

I was delighted as I watched a Grammy's Tribute to the Beatles and sang along with all the songs I knew so well at 15 and apparently haven't forgotten.

I was depressed because that 15 year-old girl and the two remaining Beatles are relics of what they once were. We all look like we've gone through more than one Hard Days Night.

My thoughts about Yesterday can make me smile and they can make me cry a little too. Things seemed so much simpler in 1964 than they do today. Back then I didn't have to worry about a mortgage or fuel bills. I'm sure my parents did, but I wasn't aware of such things. I guess at 15 I thought that I'd be in Strawberry Fields Forever.

Now I could just shout about all the bills I have to deal with and that's makes me want to cry. If I could win the lottery that would certainly make me Glad All Over, even with money I know that I can't get back. I am 55 years old now. It was pretty darn good way back then!

Fifty years ago my biggest concern was getting a certain boy to notice me. I worried a little about passing my history test (not all that much) and hoped I would get a very fashionable bucket bag that was all the rage for my birthday. If I got that certain boy to notice me and if I got the bucket bag I planned to write his name all over it. That's what all the girls did.

Life in 1964 was such a magical Mystery Tour and now it just seems like such

John, Paul, George and Ringo had it right when they sang All You Need Is Love

was at a wedding reception and though I Should Have Known Better I danced for most of the evening. For the next few days I could only get around With a Little Help From My Friends.

In 1964 I could dance, run and jump Eight Days A Week and not experience a single pain and never get tired. Now a fast walk around the block and my body acts like Maxwell's Silver Hammer came down upon my body all over the place. I try to exercise a bit to build up some stamina, but I can tell you it's just not Getting Better.

Watching the remaining Fab Two of the Fab Four certainly did bring back some wonderful memories and Do You Want To Know A Secret? For a couple of hours I felt like I was 15 again.

When the show was over, which was way past my bedtime I headed off to the bedroom for a Golden Slumber and felt a bit depressed that I really was no longer 15.

The Beatles did bring about a rock 'n roll Revolution and the way I see it, John, Paul, George and Ringo had it right when they sang All You Need Is Love. And all I needed was a couple of days to recover from my lack of sleep!

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OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Feb. 4

At 5 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to Route 232 in Woodstock for a chimney fire. The Woodstock and Greenwood fire departments were on scene and the fire was out.

At 8:49 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman investigated an Andover harassment complaint via social media. A warning was issued.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

At 6:36 a.m. Deputy Dani Welch and Lt. Tom Harriman responded to Bear River Road in Newry for a report of a burglary. The incident remains under investigation.

At 5:52 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey investigated a property-damage crash on the Sunday River Road in Bethel. There were no injuries.

Thursday, Feb. 6

At 6:02 p.m. on Sunday River Road in Newry Deputy Peter Casey arrested Shelby L. Osgood, 21, of Greene after she drove her vehicle off the Sunday River Road. She was charged with first offense DUI.

Friday, Feb. 7

At 10:51 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey documented a harassment complaint.

Saturday, Feb. 8

At 8:55 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray was contacted about a crash earlier in the day on Parkway/Mayville in Bethel.

At 9:40 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to a Bethel business for a report of a shoplifter. The subject fled the area before the deputy arrived.

Sunday, Feb. 9

At 1:58 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis and George Cayer responded to Mayville Road in Bethel for a report a young boy had put his arm through a window and suffered a severe laceration. Bethel Rescue also responded.

At 4:44 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray and Cpl. Brian Landis responded to the Sunday River Road in Newry for a rollover. It was determined there were injuries. The driver was later arrested for suspicion of OUI.

Monday, Feb. 10

At 1:05 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to the Crooked River Causeway in Albany for a rollover crash with no injuries.

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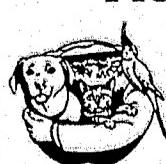
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Otten lends hand at Balsams Resort

BETHEL-In entering into an agreement this week with the Balsams Grand Resort, Les Otten said that bringing the shuttered

And people here regularly went up there. We had a good working relationship."

He said a mutually beneficial relationship with the Bethel area could be revived with a redeveloped Balsams.

"It can continue to be an attraction to western Maine and northern New Hampshire," he said.

He said the timetable for moving forward is short, but he did not wish to be specific.

In announcing the agreement, Dan Dagesse and Dan Hebert, the principals behind the Balsams Grand Resort, and who will continue as stakeholders,

said, "Les Otten has built some of the best resorts in the United States, saved Fenway Park and has made northern New England his home for the past 42 years. Dixville's unique and majestic location offers great potential,

Closing the transaction is contingent on a number of conditions to be worked out with interested third parties, the release said.

Otten said talks are preliminary, focusing on big concepts as opposed to specific details.

"I was asked initially to lend a hand," he said in a phone interview Tuesday. "One thing led to another, and I've become more actively involved in the redevelopment."

Otten said he remembered back to his earlier years as owner of Sunday River Ski Resort, when "Sunday River snowmaking attracted guests from the Balsams regularly.

cause we are still working through fluid concepts. We are working together and combining our resources to look at creative ideas toward restoring the Balsams as a true world class resort that will create new jobs and invigorate the North Country's economy."

The release went on to say, "The opportunities at the Balsams are significant. There are few recreation sites in North America that have such strong potential for visitors over all seasons. There's a relatively short time table for moving forward and many hurdles to clear, but preliminary discussions are promising."

The Balsams, where the nation's first presidential ballots are traditionally cast, closed in 2010, taking with it the 200-300 jobs it provided in a hard-hit part of the state. Dagesse and Hebert bought it in 2011.

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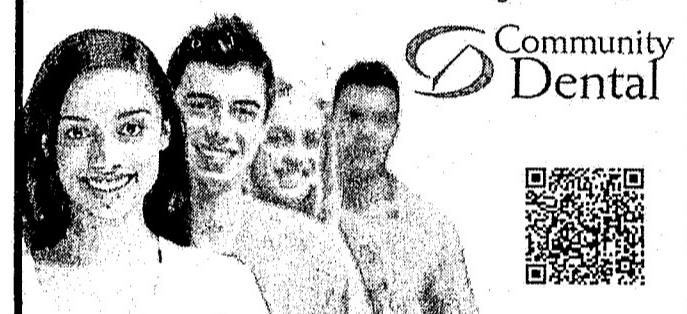
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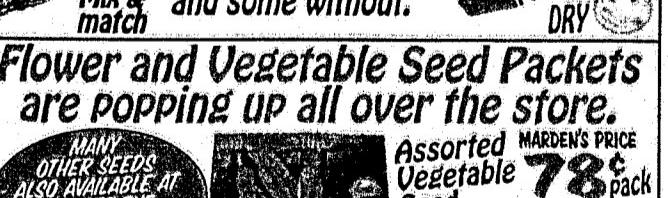


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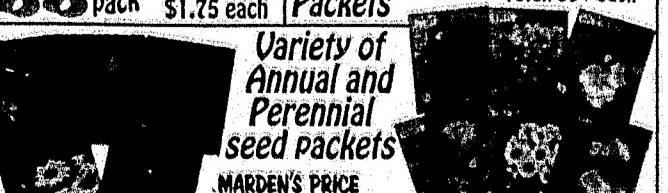
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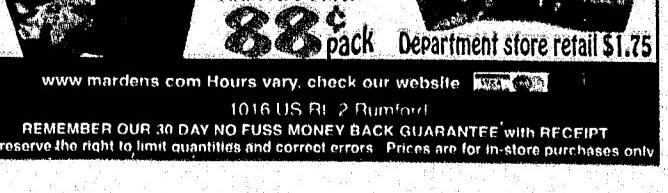
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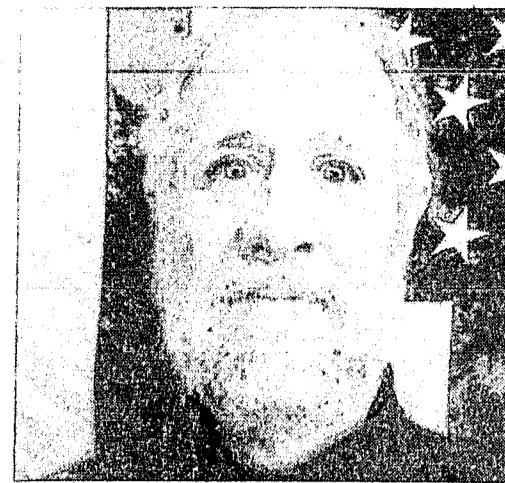
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Wendy Hanscom



Doug Webster

sive growth of Sunday River Resort and the proliferation of new housing developments in town.

Although Newry has only about 330 year-round residents, there are more than four times that number of housing units, a major factor in the amount of work handled by the selectmen, planning and appeals boards, and town office staff.

Hanscom's priorities for the board, she said, include "working to manage growth in a way that keeps most people happy, making sure we stay fiscally responsible to the taxpayers, while keeping up with the infrastructure in town."

She described the role of the selectmen as a balancing act between what people want and what they need and can pay for. "We receive very few complaints," she added.

Hanscom became interested in town government while covering meetings in area towns as a reporter for the Bethel Citizen, a job she held for six years. For the past 19 years, she has been employed by SAD 44, first in the superintendent's office, then as secretary to the Telstar principal. She is currently the TIF4 Grant Project Manager for the district.

Hanscom's service on the board carries on a family tradition; both her grandfather and great-grandfather served as selectmen in Newry. A fourth-generation resident, she is the first woman to serve on the board.

During the administration of Governor Angus King, Hanscom served on a state committee appointed to examine the structure of county government, and she has served on the DOT's Regional Transportation Advisory Com-

mittee and the budget committee for Oxford County. She chaired the Celebration Committee organized to commemorate Newry's 200th anniversary in 2005.

Doug Webster

Doug Webster is the first candidate to oppose Hanscom for selectman since she first won her seat in 1995. Webster said he has had a nearly lifelong interest in government and politics on all levels.

"I went to Boys' State when I was in high school," he said. "I would say that's what sparked my interest in government and public service. I have followed the political scene ever since."

Webster said that after several years on Newry's Bylaw Committee, tasked with creating by-laws for the Board of Selectmen and a Code of Ethics for town employees and volunteers.

Webster said while he has no major concerns about the way the town has been run in recent years, "I see inconsistencies with some of the state mandates that need to be adopted."

He stressed the importance of having town policies that are clear and accessible to citizens.

"I thought maybe the town needed a little help getting some of this down in a format that's easy for people to access," he said, adding that the town's website "is a work in progress that sometimes gets overlooked."

He also believes it could be helpful to the town to have a budget committee to work through the annual budget with the Board of

Selectmen each year prior to Town Meeting.

Following last year's Newry Town Meeting, some residents expressed concern after learning that Town Administrator Loretta Powers is paid \$59,000 a year. Asked if he thought the salary was a fair one for the position, Webster said, "It wasn't anything that jumped out at me as out of line," adding that he planned to check into the salaries paid by other towns to their employees for purposes of comparison. He said of the town office staff, "We have a lot going on here for a small town; they deal with some big numbers."

He indicated that, for him, it was more an issue of transparency. "I think it was brought up at Town Meeting last year because people wanted to know the amount. If town employees are going to ask voters to approve a raise, they should let the townspeople know their salaries."

Webster grew up in Bethel and graduated from Telstar High School in 1980. Following graduation, he studied graphic arts for a year, then spent several years living and working in Portland.

Returning to the area in 1989, he said, "I came back to a different town. Sunday River had grown by leaps and bounds and there were a lot more young people around. There were many more opportunities than when I left."

He lived in North Newry for several years in the 1990s. For the past 10 years, he and his family have lived at Newry Corner, where they operated the Bear River Trading Post before closing it in 2012. Self-employed as a contractor for more than three decades, Webster now works as a night watchman at Gould Academy, where his older daughter is a student.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

I've spent most of this winter shoveling snow, breaking up ice on the roof, and spreading sand. It was a pleasant change this week to get 10 inches of light, fluffy snow. On Sunday I snowshoed some of the old logging roads behind my house. It's a thrill to be the first one out on the trail, before the snowmobiles or the other snowshoers and skiers. I didn't see many animals because I make a lot of noise with my squeaking snow shoes and aggressive use of ski poles. I did see animal tracks: deer, rabbit, turkey, and lots of coyote.

I've noticed that we have become so dependent on technology and convenience that we sometimes miss small things. For example, I rarely walk into my bank. My paycheck is automatically deposited and if I need something, I go to the drive-thru or ATM. On Saturday I walked into the Northeast Bank on Main Street and discovered a new exhibit in their small glass case. The displayed items include lepidolite beads from Auburn and jewelry made from Sandwich glass. The Sandwich glass jewelry is made from fragments of glass found on the marshes and beaches of Sandwich, Mass., after the last glass factories there closed in the 1920s. The exhibit is from the collection of Mountain Jewelers, located on Main Street.

By now you probably know that Shaner's Family Restaurant in South Paris is closing. Jack Shaner has sold the property to Family Dollar and they will tear down the building to make way for a new store. Shaner bought the restaurant, which was previously Goodwin's Dairy Shop, in 1985. The old Goodwin's clock still hangs on the Main Street side of the building. For years Goodwin's, later Shaner's, was where many of us stopped to eat after shopping, going to a meeting, or a trip to the doctor. In the 1960s, my parents took my sisters and me to Goodwin's for hamburgers, pie, and ice cream. The specialty, from my viewpoint then, was the ice cream and ice cream desserts, especially if I bought them at the walk-up window. On Sunday, my mother, two sis-

ters, and brother-in-law took a nostalgic trip to Shaner's for lunch. They still had bread pudding and grape nut ice cream, a favorite from my childhood. We spoke to Jack Shaner, signed the memory book, and had our picture taken with him. Although the decision has saddened him, he told us that it was time to close. The cost of maintaining the build is immense. Shaner said they planned to stay open until April 1. There's still time to stop by for a final meal and ice cream cone.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By CHERRI CROCKETT

Hello neighbors, I hope you're well on this Valentine's Day eve. I want to start by giving a bit of advice to the men. If your wife or girlfriend has said anything at all about a diet or watching what she eats, or if she is spending massive amounts of time at the gym, this means you do not go out and get her a big heart-shaped box of chocolates. Please do not sabotage her.

You may want to try finding her that book she's been wanting to read, a night off from cooking or cleaning, a movie night or maybe a nice long walk, just the two of you. Give her the gift of your time and show her how much she means to you.

Ah, there, now that Andy knows what to do for me, I'll move on. I'm just kidding. Andy and I have never really celebrated Valentine's Day. But I hope all of you who do, enjoy your time together.

I wanted to share a little trip down memory lane.

When I was a kid I used to carefully take my grandmother's town history books off her shelves and flip through them until I found our last name or a picture that looked familiar.

Knowing that He created my foundation in Great Gram, knowing that my name is in His book gives me great comfort and even greater joy than that town history book. Unlike the great book of my Heavenly Father, those town history books will fade, burn, get lost or ripped, but that book that belongs to Him is eternal.

Years later, I still enjoy looking back at old photos and history books. Finding my place in this big old world, where I began and what has taken place to shape my life.

Recently, Jay Hastings shared a photo that was taken in 1895 of their farm from the vantage point of

the hill where Diane Howe now lives. It was quite challenging for me to figure out where I was looking, as there was so much field space, barns where Jay now lives, the absence of Sonny and Bettyann's house, Kimball's old farmhouse and a rock wall lining the carriage road that is now Intervale.

As I was studying the picture, I picked out the things I recognized in order to get my bearings; Grandma Hastings' farmhouse and barn, and the hay barn up in the field beyond what is now Amos' driveway. It amazed me to see so much field space where we now slide down through the trees. Time has changed, so many things, but some remain the same.

It came to me while looking at this picture, my need to recognize something in the photo in order to make sense of it. Seeing the foundation of the Hastings farm from nearly 120 years ago, that is still standing, helped me to figure out the vantage point, along with a bit of help from Jay's explanation.

It's at times like this that I think back to those days of looking through the town history books, and what my foundation is and how someone looking back at my life's picture 120 years from now will recognize me. What is my foundation?

I can tell you that my great grandmother, Ada Vaughn, is that foundation for me. She found her faith later in life and from that day till she passed at 97 years, served her Heavenly Father, her church, family, community and friends. I think of her every day and pray that God will work in my life as He did in hers.

It's those foundations in all our lives that help us to remain grounded to our beliefs, what we desire most in this world and a place we can always go back to when we lose our way; a place of recognition and stability.

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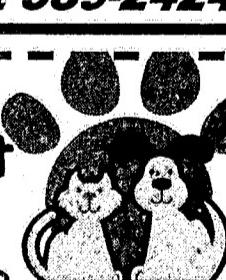
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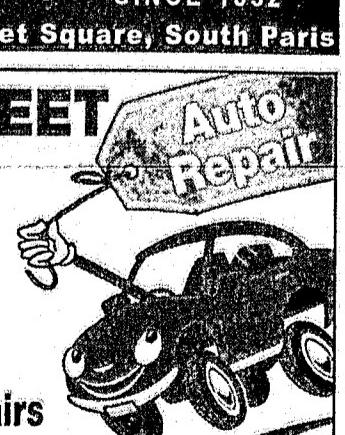
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Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER

The Greenwood Selectmen recently discussed an option to the proposed closing of the stump dump. The Town owns a piece of property along Route 219, and there is the possibility of stockpiling brush on the land. The brush will be chipped by a contractor at his expense and then hauled and sold elsewhere. I bet all the birds and small animals will vote in favor of the brush pile concept. Good habitat for them.

The highway department budget/plans will be the topic for the first budget meeting. The Greenwood Road will be one of the roads discussed. Feb. 20, Thursday, 6 p.m. at the Town Office if you want to add your two-cents.

Joelle Corey-Whitman has been re-appointed as Greenwood's health officer. Jeff Warden has been appointed as our alternate codes and plumbing inspector. Warden lives on the Alcohol Mary Road and is code enforcement officer for Bethel.

Neighbor Norm Milliard will be closing his Bethel business, Artistic Endeavors, March 22. The fram-

ing shop and gallery has been Norm's retirement business. He will continue to take framing orders until March 16. If you have artwork you want framed, get to it soon.

Mt. Abram is naming a ski trail for a poem. "One Today," the inaugural poem written by Richard Blanco, will be the new trail name. Blanco will be cutting the ribbon at the top of the trail at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15. Skiers should be on the lifts by 2:30 to catch the ceremony.

It's music Sunday. The Maineiac Mountaineers will be playing at the new Greenwood Town Office Feb. 16, Sunday, at 2 p.m. Anyone who would like to listen is welcome. There is no charge, and it's a good way to celebrate whatever you want to celebrate.

Such a relief to be through with January. I think of January the same way I think of July – not with pleasure. Both months represent the seasonal extreme. January is bitter cold with wind, and then eases into a kinder February. July is hot with scalding sun followed by a mellow August. Once each of those months is past, I can then enjoy the rest of the season be it winter or summer. February has mid-20s temps, more sun, and snow. It is a wonderful time for enjoying whatever snow play appeals to you.

And, with the thought of snow play, remember next week is school vacation week. Not only will our kids be out and around, but thousands of tourists looking to recreate on snow will arrive in the general Bethel area next week. Keep that in mind when you plan your trips to town.

And for those who struggle through winter without joy in snow, we have over an hour-and-a-half more daylight now than on the winter solstice. Good news all around. Please send news to 3taichi6@gmail.com.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT

Franklin Grange 124 met at the home of Ken and Alice Hoyt on Saturday, Feb. 1. The regular business was conducted. The March meeting on March 1 will be held at the Grange Hall at 10 a.m., with a potluck dinner following. Guest officers' night will be held on April 21. Much discussion was held on getting the bathroom finished. The program was as follows: Opening thought, "Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself" (part of Leviticus 19:18); a brief history of Valentine's Day and Valentine's fun by Laura; Val-

entine's Story, Peter; Skit on Valentines Day, Peter and Alice; Little known facts about presidents by Sharon; Abraham Lincoln's funny remarks by Christine; Presidents skit, Sharon and Richard; Presidents trivia by Sharon; closing thought. A potluck dinner was held after the meeting.

The exercise class that meets at the library will start meeting at 10 a.m. each Thursday. Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service. Valentine's Banquet is at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15. Open to all church attendees. Please sign up. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 9 a.m. is Ladies' Coffee Cup Devotions. Sunday, Feb. 23, will be "Missions Emphasis Sunday," with special guests Chris and Lois Tignor, missionaries to Ecuador. They will be at the 6 p.m. service. March 14 and 15 is the New England Ladies' Conference in Londonderry, N.H. Please let Mrs. Paula know if you are interested in attending.

Friday, Jan. 31, was a great day for Landon Pfeffer at the Woodstock Elementary School. He was greatly surprised when his dad showed up after being overseas in the service for eight months. Some of the flag ladies from Freeport, some Legion members and members of his family, plus TV personnel were also present. He was one happy little boy. Welcome home to his dad, and thank you.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

Happy Valentine's Day! February is half over! I am still hoping that spring will arrive before too long. I am enjoying the blooms on my 'Christmas Cactus' again. It bloomed in November and December and it is in full bloom again. I guess I will have to settle for that right now.

My brother, Steve McLain, told me that he had been talking with Stephen, Brad and Joe this past weekend. Stephen

said that his daughter, Marina, was home from college over the weekend.

I was sorry to hear that Steve and Lise McLain lost one of their dogs this past week. It is hard to deal with the loss of a pet when they are more like a precious part of the family. Dakotah was an adult dog when they rescued him and gave him a good home in the past few years of his life.

Mary Tyler has been participating in a bird count. She called last weekend to let me know that she had about 28 turkeys at her house. There has been one turkey that crosses Route 2 from the picnic area every once in a while. He/she will stop at our feeder and then head for the woods behind our house. Mary has seen him/her come down through the woods, across Bridge Street and into her yard. After eating some birdseed, the turkey retraces his steps back up through the woods and on to the picnic area.

We found out Friday afternoon that the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency along with officers from the State Police and

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Oxford County Sheriff's Dept. have been quite busy lately. They spent some time in Gilead and a few other towns around the area during the day on Friday.

MSAD 44 will be on vacation during the week of Feb. 17 through Feb. 21. Speaking of Feb. 21, it is our son, Chris', birthday. Happy Birthday, Chris!

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Albany

By KATHY BENNETT



Hello from beautiful downtown Albany! I have had a very busy two weeks. Last

week I celebrated my 71st birthday with a weekend spent at the Holiday Inn by the bay in Portland with Doug, Jen and Bella Bennett and Chris and Elton Cole. We all joined Megan and Patrick Cotter and Kayla Cole at The Front Room Restaurant for a great dinner. This week we celebrated Elton Cole's birthday at Davinci's Restaurant in Duxbury. Those attending were Chris and Elton, Doug, Jen and Bella and yours truly.

Franklin and Margaret Barton and Jane Wardwell went out to dinner to celebrate Franklin's birthday on Sunday evening. Brett Barton and Dolly Barton also celebrated their birthdays.

Today Bella spent the day with me as Mom and Dad had to work on their Master's courses. Hope everyone has a great week.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH



This weekend will be one in which many outdoor activities will take place in Andover and Roxbury. On Saturday the Larry Mercier Ice Fishing Derby will happen on Roxbury Pond, also known as Ellis Pond and Silver Lake. I could never figure out why it has three names. Can someone enlighten me? The big prize is \$2,000 for the tagged fish if you catch it. There are several other categories. So try your luck over there. On Sunday those interest-

ed in taking a ride to the wind towers sponsored by the Snow Valley Sno-Goers will meet at 9 a.m. at the clubhouse. Following the ride a free hot lunch will be enjoyed by riders and workers. Cost of the ride is \$10 per rider, \$8 for club members and age 10 and under free.

The snowmobile club has altered the schedule of events for the coming weeks to include the following: The clubhouse will be open the rest of February vacation week through Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. serving coffee, cocoa, cold drinks, hotdogs and chili. A scheduled potluck supper for March 8 has been cancelled. There will be a regular club meeting on March 5, 7 p.m. at the clubhouse and their annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5, 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. Preceding the business meeting a potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m. All are welcome and bring a dish to share.

Selectman candidate Sharon Hutchins has withdrawn her papers because of family health considerations.

The On Our Own Committee will host a public informational meeting on Wednesday, March 12 at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall, downstairs. I have heard a lot of misinformation around town regarding the work of this committee and the upcoming vote on March 18. Voters should understand that this vote is not about withdrawing from the district; rather it is to begin the process for another vote. Having chatted with a lot of people, I've discovered the major concern is the cost and what it will do to our local tax bills. The very high figure of over one million dollars of the previously projected budget scared everyone and rightly so.

The committee has been working on reducing the budget and as of now has removed more than \$200,000 and is continuing to get it pared down to something town taxpayers can afford. The other misinformation is that this movement is about preserving the building which it is not. The main aim of this committee is the best education for the children of Andover and to have con-

trol over that education. I hope this clarifies some things for some of you.

Do you want to help our local food pantry? Go into the Bangor Savings Bank or get online and vote to have some of the \$100,000 grant money the bank is dispensing go to our food pantry. You will have to use the line "other" and write in Andover Food Pantry. The pantry thanks you for your support.

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Let it snow! It's great to see the blanket of white and more snow is predicted for today.

Skiers, snowshoers, snowmobilers, and sledgers are happy!

Coverage on snowmobile trails is improving. Trails are still open leading to the former Gordie Howe's store and also to the new Stony Brook Variety in Hanover, a great place to stop for sandwiches, pizza, drinks and groceries.

The Library Bees have made progress on their patriotic quilt. Due to the cold weather, they have migrated for a few weeks to Anne Wheeler's "House on the Hill" on the Howard Pond Road. When finished, the quilt will be presented to a special recipient. Stay tuned.

Let the Games begin - in Maine? I love the Olympic Winter games and look forward to them every four years. If you enjoy them, too, you'll have an opportunity to see some local "Olympians" compete next week at Mt. Abram Ski Area in Greenwood. The Mountain has organized five days of Olympic events during school vacation week, Monday through Friday, Feb. 17 through 21. Monday, Freestyle Day; Tuesday, Slalom; Wednesday, Giant Slalom; Thursday, Scavenger Hunt; and Friday, Mountain Rally.

At 4 p.m. each day there will be awards and raffles. All are welcome to register and compete or simply come as spectators. The cost is \$5 per day and the games begin at 10 a.m. each day. For more info, contact Mt. Abram at 875-5000 or visit www.skimtahabram.com. Got news, comments and feedback? Please drop me

an e-mail at HanoverME-News@gmail.com.

South Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Good sunny morning to y'all.

Flu season is upon us - many are down or just getting over it.

Get well wishes to all who are not feeling up to par. Hoping y'all get well soon.

We are off to entertain the Veterans today - we have a couple of new songs to run by them.

Condolences are going out to the families of Roland M. Lord and Gerald Raymond. Our thoughts and prayers to each family member.

The Down East Country Music Association will be holding their Annual Valentines Show and Dance on Sunday, Feb. 16, at the Silver Spur in Mechanic Falls. The doors open at 11 a.m., shows starts at 12 noon.

The entertainment will be provided by the Tennessee Bound Competitors who will be leaving in March for the National Competitions in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. There will be a 50/50 drawing, raffles and food concession will be open throughout the show.

Celebrating anniversaries in February are Barbara and Elwood Yeaton, Lolalee and Yogi Dillingham, and Glendon and Martha Hadley.

That's all from the valley this week. Stay well.

Wishing y'all a very Happy Valentine's Day.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



A Mason resident made front page news in the Lewiston Sun last Saturday when he was "busted" in a DEA raid which netted Joel Mills, along with seven other Oxford County residents charged with trafficking and "meth" making. I don't know Mills, but I did notice some eight or nine vehicles in the yard of the house and on the road outside on Friday when I returned home from a trip to John Applin's home just down the road. I figured they were having a wed-

ding or a funeral by the number of vehicles! Everything's up to date in Mason Township, just like in Kansas City! Wow!

Good friend Alan Merrill did another good deed for me last week. He got my snowmobile running for me! I used it to groom my cross country ski trail, so Shiloh and I made a couple passes around the trail while the new powder was perfect. I love to watch that dog romp in the snow. He looks like pure exuberance - bounding through the woods full tilt, tail up, mouth wide open in a huge grin, tongue and ears flapping in the breeze and the white powder a-flying!

Even fresh deer and turkey tracks do not disrupt Shiloh's enjoyment just dashing around, changing directions abruptly for no other reason than pure whimsy - or, occasionally, to flush a partridge!

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The food and the socializing at Sunday breakfast are both outstanding.

The Ladies

do a fine job cooking and serving. When my five year old granddaughter goes with us, she puts on her apron and helps clear tables. This Sunday she took a few breakfast orders. The customers were understanding and helpful when they realized that Jes couldn't spell or write the orders. They wrote their own and Jes took them to Carol.

The State Line Snowmobile Club will meet Friday,

Feb. 21, 7 p.m. at the Upton House. They will finish up the details for their fishing derby and for their cookout at the "Sugar Shack." The derby will be Sunday, Feb. 23 and the cookout will be Saturday, March 1. When Penny and I were going through Grafton last week, we saw a good size bull moose. He appeared to be wintering well. I was a little surprised that he still had his antlers. I had believed that moose dropped them in November and December.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail me at backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



The snow will fall again. This is destined to be a very snowy winter. I am ready for a little more

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Friday, Feb. 21, there will be a seed swap/seed

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Flying Moose race results

Flying Moose Classic - Bethel, Maine - Bethel Outing Club

February 8, 2014

22k (Open)

Pos	Bib	Last Name	First Name	Team	City	State	Category	Age	Time	Gap	Lap 1
1	121	BAILEY	Fred	Bethel Outing Club	Ashover	ME	22k	Senior-M	1:09:15	1:09:15	
2	58	BRADLEY	Joel	Portland Nordic	Portland	ME	22k	M1	1:00:02	0:47"	1:00:02
3	67	HALL	Jackson	Colby College Ski Team	Waterville	ME	22k	U20-M	1:11:59	2:44"	1:11:59
4	87	REGAN	Cam	Colby	Cumberland	ME	22k	U20-M	1:12:50	3:35"	1:12:50
5	92	THURSTON	Tom	NWVT	Waterbury	VT	22k	M1	1:09:36	4:21"	1:09:36
6	1	DELUCA	Marcello	Gould			22k	U20-A	1:10:45	4:30"	1:10:45
7	2	DELUCA	Carlo	Gould			22k	U20-A	1:10:45	4:30"	1:10:45
8	3	SIEGEL	Andrew	Gould			22k	U18-M	1:15:41	6:25"	1:15:41
9	45	HARRIS	Mitch	Portland Nordic	Dayton	Maine	22k	M2	1:15:55	6:40"	1:15:55
10	72	MURPHY	Dave	MIT Washington Nordic	Barre	NH	22k	M5	1:16:03	6:53"	1:16:03
11	90	SIEGEL	Kirk	Bethel Outing Club	Bethel	ME	22k	M5	1:16:03	6:53"	1:16:03
12	48	AMARAL	Marcus	UH Nordic Ski Club	Wenham	NH	22k	Senior-M	1:18:17	7:02"	1:18:17
13	76	LUCAS	Cole	MIT Washington Nordic	Interlaken	NH	22k	Senior-M	1:18:49	7:49"	1:18:49
14	57	BOLDUC	Dylan	NWVE	South Burlington	VT	22k	M2	1:11:12	7:51"	1:11:12
15	50	BIRKEBAK	Matthew	UH Nordic Club	West Peterborough	NH	22k	Senior-M	1:23:23	10:04"	1:23:23
16	39	ALLEN	Ben	Portland Nordic	Portland	ME	22k	M7	1:17:41	14:20"	1:17:41
17	116	MILNE	Andrew	Putney Ski Club			22k	M8	1:17:51	15:38"	1:17:51
18	83	PAGE	Dennis	Windblown Ski Club	Berwick	NH	22k	Senior-M	1:18:35	9:20"	1:18:35
19	29	BRADLEY	Elissa	Portland Nordic	Portsmouth	ME	22k	F1	1:18:41	9:26"	1:18:41
20	61	BLAIR	Ian	Bethel Outing Club	Granville	VT	22k	M2	1:18:52	10:05"	1:18:52
21	100	COOPERMAN	Taylor	Fulton Bennington Corporation	Shelburne	NH	22k	Senior-M	1:20:49	11:31"	1:20:49
22	57	CARLISLE	Ian	NWVE	Starkesboro	VT	22k	Senior-M	1:23:23	14:04"	1:23:23
23	81	NIRMEGH	Dhyian	NWVE			22k	M7	1:23:35	14:20"	1:23:35
24	111	FREDERICKS	Jim	Mansfield Nordic			22k	M7	1:23:43	14:28"	1:23:43
25	109	OSGOOD	Chris	Putney Ski Club			22k	M7	1:25:40	16:25"	1:25:40
26	73	KAVANAUGH	Mike	NWVE	Walla Walla	VT	22k	M4	1:25:43	16:28"	1:25:43
27	60	CLARKE	Brad	Bethel Outing Club	Bethel	ME	22k	M4	1:26:01	16:40"	1:26:01
28	81	DOUDNEY	Mark	CSB	Shelburne	MA	22k	M4	1:26:23	16:52"	1:26:23
29	50	FEARLEY	Rick	NWVE	Hinesburg	VT	22k	M8	1:28:33	19:19"	1:28:33
30	107	HANOWSKI	JoAnn	Mansfield Nordic			22k	F6	1:28:43	19:28"	1:28:43
31	70	HOSMER	Trina	Stowe Nordic Outing Club	Stowe	VT	22k	F6	1:28:57	19:42"	1:28:57
32	62	BLAND	Perry	NWVE	Westford	VT	22k	M7	1:29:18	20:03"	1:29:18
33	63	FREEMAN	Donovan	MIT Washington Nordic	Andover	NH	22k	M8	1:30:31	21:29"	1:30:31
34	113	MARTELL	Lary	Northwest Vermont Nordic Team			22k	M8	1:31:38	22:22"	1:31:38

Flying Moose Classic - Bethel, Maine - Bethel Outing Club

February 8, 2014

9k (Open) (cont.)

Pos	Bib	Last Name	First Name	Team	City	State	Category	Age	Time	Gap	Lap 1
19	123	GOODWIN	Alice	CSU		8K	F6	47:00	9:03"	47:00	
20	105	EMMONS	Sue	SNOC		8K	F6	47:16	9:18"	47:16	
21	13	RUNYON	Hannah	Gould		8K	F6	48:27	11:30"	48:27	
22	14	GOLDBERG	Rose	Gould		8K	F6	48:27	11:30"	48:27	
23	44	STEINBERG	Frederick	Portland Nordic	Portland	ME	8K	U16-M	50:42	12:45"	50:42
24	32	BOLDUC	Malice	Portland Nordic	Portland	ME	8K	U16-M	50:43	12:45"	50:43
25	19	BOLDUC	Natalia	WVVE	South Burlington	Vermont	8K	U16-F	50:43	12:59"	50:43
26	20	BELL	Phoebe	Portland Nordic	Portland	ME	8K	U16-F	50:58	13:01"	50:58
27	28	HOWARD	Cecilia	Portland Nordic	South Portland	ME	8K	U16-F	51:58	14:01"	51:58
28	21	FARNWORTH	Leinani	Portland Nordic	Portland	ME	8K	U16-F	53:42	15:45"	53:42
29	30	DUBE	Anna	Portland Nordic	Windham	ME	8K	U16-F	54:08	16:09"	54:08
30	11	TASSEY	Logan	Gould	Portland	ME	8K	U16-F	54:19	16:22"	54:19
31	16	SULKI-HEWES	Violet	Gould	Bethel	ME	8K	#VALUE!	54:32	16:35"	54:32
32	33	MCNAULIN	Mia	Bethel	Bethel	ME	8K	U16-F	55:20	17:23"	55:20
33	112	RAND	John	Portland Nordic		8K	8K	U16-F	55:47	17:50"	55:47

Starters: 41, # DNF: 0, Lapped: 0

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Flying Moose Classic - Bethel Outing Club

February 8, 2014

2.5k (Open)

Pos	Bib	Last Name	First Name	Team	City	State	Category	Age	Time	Gap	Lap 1
1	544	MC LAUGHLIN	Mark	Telstar Middle School	Bethel	ME	2.5k		16:28		
2	535	MCNAMARA	Griffin	York Middle School	York	ME	2.5k		15:37		
3	531	MCNAMARA	Mark	Telstar Middle School	Bethel	ME	2.5k		16:19		
4	533	CLARKE	Lily	Telstar Middle School	Auburn	ME	2.5k		16:20		
5	510	MOONEY	Kyle	Auburn	ME	2.5k			16:30		
6	587	THURSTON	Ava	Mansfield Nordic	Waterbury	VT	2.5k		16:55		
7	548	RICHHMOND	Dylan	Telstar Middle School	Bethel	ME	2.5k		16:58		
8	654	HUCKINS	Graham	Oxford Hills Middle School	Norway	ME	2.5k		17:01		
9	544	ISABEL	Isabel	Telstar Middle School	Bethel	ME	2.5k		17:11		
10	550	MC NAMORE	Connor	Oxford Hills Middle School	Norway	ME	2.5k		17:13		
11	557	TCANDUS	Haid	Oxford Hills Middle School	Norway	ME	2.5k		17:16		
12	545	BOYLE-WIGHT	Gaelan	Telstar Middle School	Bethel	ME	2.5k		17:20		
13	501	MAINS	Kirsten	Oxford Hills Middle School	A						

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BHS business partner program resumes

Business Partner Program Resumes at Bethel Historical Society

The Bethel Historical Society's 2014 "Business Partners Program" has begun and already a good number of local businesses have signed up as corporate members of one of northern New England's most active historical organizations. Each year, this special program provides an important opportunity for businesses to support the Society's programming, exhibits, educational activities, and publications. In turn, the Bethel Historical Society promotes its Business Partner mem-

bers through recognition and referral. Business Partner memberships start at \$50, cover a calendar year, and include the following benefits: attractive Business Partner certificate to display; referral of businesses to visitors, staff, volunteers, and BHS trustees; business brochures prominently displayed at the Society's Museum of Regional History (open year-round); Business Partner listing and link on the Society's website; subscriptions to The Broad Street Herald (BHS newsletter), The Courier (BHS history journal) and e-News announcements; listing in each issue of

The Broad Street Herald; busi-

nesses highlighted, on a rotating basis, in the Society's e-News; 10% discount on purchases from the Society's Museum Shop; and invitations to special members-only programs and exhibit previews. Information about joining or renewing as a BHS Business Partner is available on the Society's website (www.bethelhistorical.org).

Those who have already become Business Partner Members for 2014 include the following: 22 Broad Street at Gideon Hastings House; Bethel Hill Bed & Breakfast; The Bethel Inn Resort;

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHY DID THE COOKIE GO TO THE DOCTOR?

WRITHE	THREW	BRACED	BREAD
TABLET	BLEAT	CRATER	REACT
FLAMES	MALES	INFUSE	FINES
ELBOWS	BOWLS	EMBARK	BAKER
CALLED	DECAL	SANELY	LEANS
TROWEL	LOWER		

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SCRAMBLERS
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Attach	STAFEN	_____
Search	FARGOE	_____
Extent	PECOS	_____
Tinker	BLABED	_____

TODAY'S WORD

"We're converting to a _____ restaurant!"

Super Crossword

MOUNTAIN OPENINGS

ACROSS	44	Air passage of the lung	83	Rural tower anew	DOWN	41	Abbr. on an invitation	78	Pitch of tennis
1 "Sorry, I goofed"	47	Loafs about	84	Hawked anew	1	1 Whimpers	82	Borg of tennis	
6 Take a shot at	52	Shakable liquid-filled souvenirs	85	Crusty treat	2	Boorish sort	83	Large influx	
13 — Vineyard (island south of Cape Cod)	54	— Kim (rapper)	86	Some crisp red fruits	3	The Beach Boys' Wilson	84	Smallish bill	
20 "Guitar Town" singer Steve	55	rasa	90	Fellini of film	4	Flier's stat	87	One — (short plays)	
21 Italian wine	56	Competes (for)	92	Knocks it off	5	Standing for	88	illuminator	
22 So-so	93	Sad notice in the paper	93	the pals	6	Brenneman and Tan	89	in a shirt pocket, perhaps	
23 Venue for American art in Manhattan	57	Dark dell bread	95	With 124-Across, yonder	7	Highland hat	90	Puzzles (out)	
25 Hyperactivity medication	58	Place to vote	96	Stuff making a big bang	8	Capote, to his pals	91	Spoil, as food	
26 Mauna — (volcano in Hawaii)	59	Tehran inhabitants	97	Mom on "Rhoda"	9	Curve in a driving exam	92	New Mexico tribe	
27 Walk — (minor roles)	60	Hdqs. of law enforcers	98	West in film	10	50 Nobelist Wiesel	93	Nobel	
28 Mazda car	61	Garden	99	Long feather	11	51 Back-talk	94	Brown in fat	
30 Young horse	62	Ontario's capital, on a sports flicker	100	Language of India	12	53 Utah senator Hatch	95	Wiesel	
31 Mozart work	63	Plants with large white flowers	101	Epitomes of self-sacrifice	13	55 Pontifical crown	96	Back-talk	
33 California city south of Monterey	64	Like charged atoms	102	Fly a jet, say	14	58 Puts in hock	97	Wiesel	
38 Pep	65	Ovine mother	103	Nothin' at all	15	15 Like many sr. citizens	98	Van —	
39 Miracle Mets member Tommie	66	Author Bret Easton	104	80 Tax cheat's	16	16 Faint residue	99	Singer Edie Van	
40 German for "three"	67	70 Exterior car adorners	105	97 Mom on "Lanka"	17	17 Sain't glows	100	Lion features	
41 Given a makeover	68	75 Store (up)	106	108 Tax cheater's	18	18 Quiet-footed	101	101 Less mean	
	69	80 Cheer yells	107	109 — Lanka	19	19 — message to (got in touch with)	102	102 Plum center	
	70	81 Jurists' gp.	108	110 Hee —	20	20 Nail varnish	103	104 Picked out	
	71	82 Substance in chemical analysis	109	111 Carrier to Muscat	21	21 Joyous	104	105 Zapping	
	72	83 See 95-Across	110	112 Renters	22	22 Israeli dance	105	106 Zapping	
	73		111	113 Ensure a person's ruin	23	23 Certain blood type, briefly	106	107 82-Down, by birth	
	74		112	114 Matches up	24	24 Nail varnish	107	108 Having a rug	
	75		113	115 Vintage Olds cars	25	25 Bozo	108	109 Back-to-school mo.	
	76		114	116 Grown-up boys	26	26 Bozo	109	110 Ending for prop- or hex-	
	77		115	117 Intense mirth	27	27 Greek peak	110	111 Fertilized cells	
	78		116	118 See 95-Across	28	28 Motel employee	111	112 Tavern barrel	
	79		117		29	29 Cup holder	112	113 Corrida cheer	
	80		118		30	30 Skip town	113	114 NCO part	
	81		119				114	115 "Nice one!"	

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

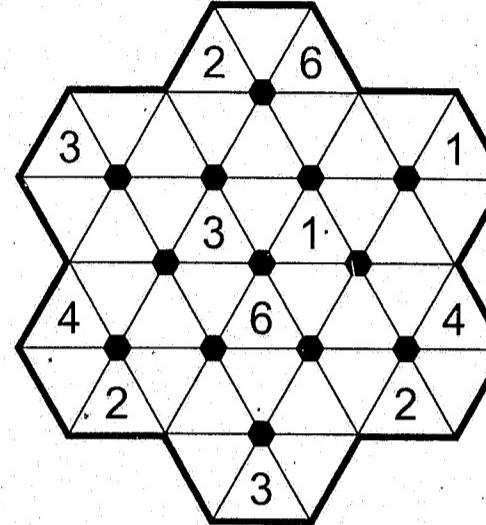


4. Pall is moved. 5. Palm tree is missing. 6. Flag is missing.
1. Hat is reversed. 2. Shovel is missing. 3. Sailboat is missing.
Differences:

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Snowflakes

by Japheth Light



There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle.
Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

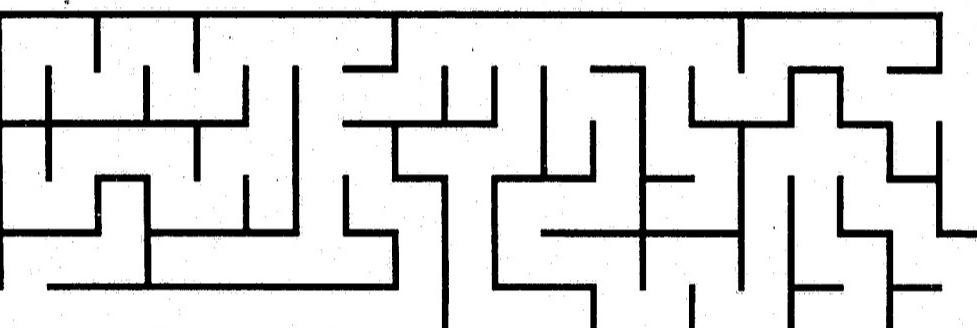
No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Kids' Maze

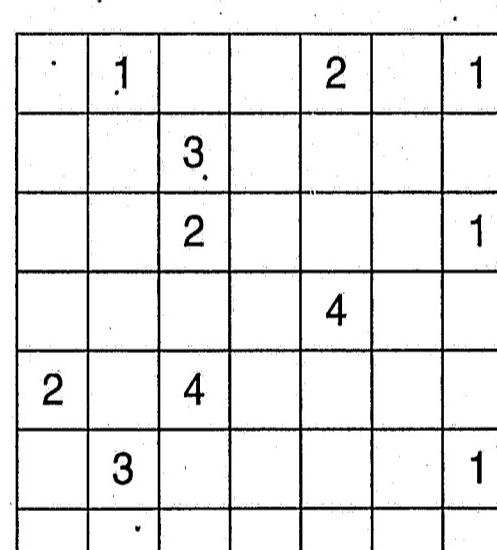


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Star Map

By Linda Thistle

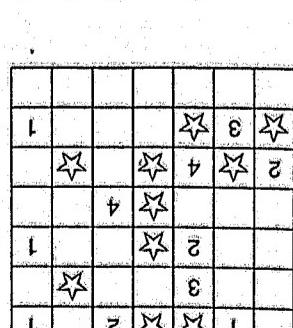
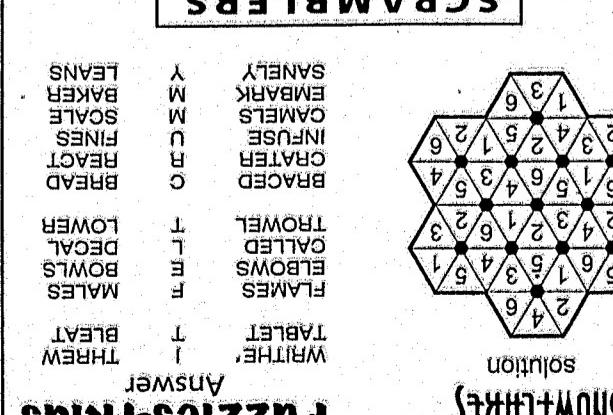
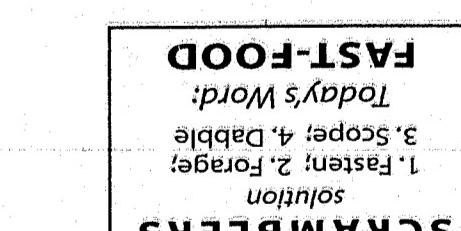
Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★

*Easy **Moderate ***YOWZA!

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ANSWERS:
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All Sports Events acquires Tri-Maine from Willpower Enterprises LLC

RUMFORD POINT-ALL Sports Events has announced the recent acquisition of Tri-Maine from Willpower Enterprises LLC. Along with the well-established Tri-Maine brand, the transaction includes the popular Polarbear Tri/Duathlon and the Pirate Triathlon.

All Sports Events has worked closely with Willpower Enterprises for more than a decade, and will bring substantial new resources to Tri-Maine and its properties. Going forward, Tri-Maine will be operated as a division of All Sports Events, and will collaborate with founder Will Thomas and his team on execution of the events.

As the premiere timing

company in New England, All Sports Events has a long history of bringing the most advanced technology to event operations, management, and sports timing, as well as pioneering participant-focused services such as live searchable results on the internet, live results at the finish line, text messaging, live social media updates and mobile applications. All Sports Events will continue to develop cutting edge services to its clients and athletes, and these services will be on full display at the 2014 Polar Bear and Pirate Tri. Leading up to these events, athletes will notice enhancements, including a new website with easy-

to-use mobile friendly online registration that is integrated with USA Triathlon for live membership verification. There will be additional swim clinics in March and April to prepare athletes for the season, as well special pre-race sessions led by the Michel Phelps Skills Center. At the events, athletes will enjoy a safe and exciting racing experience that feature spectacular race venues and family friendly activities that will create a festival atmosphere.

The addition of Tri-Maine is the next step in All Sports Events' goal of providing athletes with the best experience possible. "We are

excited to add these fantasti- properties to our portfolio," said Jenna Ginsberg of Rumford Point, founder of All Sports Events. "We look forward to continuing the great work Will has done building Tri-Maine, and taking it to the next level."

"Tri-Maine is a strong local organization that many people identify with, and Jenna and All Sports Events are the perfect team to be working with to strengthen this community," commented Will Thomas, founder of Tri-Maine. "This is a win-win situation for all our athletes who have so loyally supported us for over a decade, and I look forward to being a part of it."

The Polar Bear Tri/Duath-

lon is known as the traditional start to the multisport season, and will be taking place on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at Bowdoin College in Brunswick. These sprint races are based out of Bowdoin's Farley Field House and include rolling bike with ocean views on low traffic country roads and a combination road / trail run.

The Pirate Tri will take place on Sunday, June 8, 2014 at Point Sebago Resort. The sixth edition of this popular sprint race will feature a protected lake swim, a scenic bike segment with mountain and lake views, a flat run through the resort, and an energetic finish on the beach. With the amenities of the resort and the

gorgeous lakefront setting, the Pirate Tri will offer a fun atmosphere that will appeal to all types athletes and their families.

Registration for both events is now open. Athletes can go to www.trimaine.com to register.

For over 20 years, All Sports Events has provided cutting edge event management, operation and technology services to its clients and partners including a diverse list of races across more than 20 states including the some of the largest triathlons in New England, running races, golf events, horse shows, mountain biking, alpine and freestyle skiing, snowboarding, and many others.

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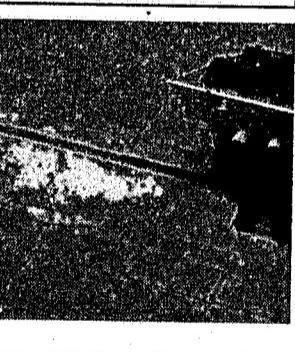
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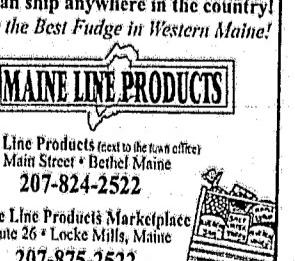


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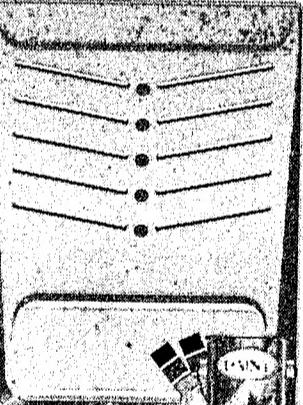
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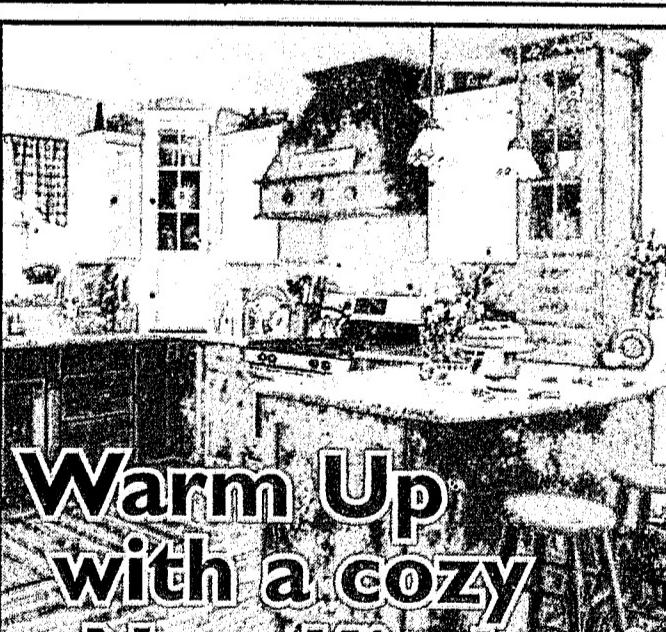
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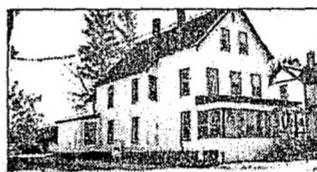
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Volunteers help Telstar students

By Eileen Adams/Sun Media Wire

A move is underway to enhance the educational experience of students and teachers at Telstar Regional High School by having residents of SAD 44 share their experiences and expertise.

"We want community members to get together to become more involved in the school," Rosemary Laban of the recently formed Telstar Community Partnership said.

Students learned about the partnership's plans and goals at an assembly Friday.

"We want students to be aware, to be open to new things," he said.

The group, now at 12 members, aims to connect students and teachers with people who have experiences and interests that could heighten student learning.

So far, two databases are being developed. One lists the interests, experiences and expertise of volunteers and the other lists the needs of teachers.

Partnership Co-Chairman Al Cressey said activities could include helping to build an outdoor center, panel discussions on various topics, tutoring or other assignments teachers may want for students. Other activities may involve giving talks and arranging trips to cultural institutions.

Cressey said many of the volunteers are re-

tired and many come from out of the area.

"We have diverse professional backgrounds and I believe we have something to offer," he said.

Newry resident William Andrews is the other co-chairman. Partnership members also include several teachers, including health and physical education teacher Steve Keane. He and Dean of Students Charlie Raymond, along with other volunteers, held a panel discussion on harassment.

"It's about the whole community coming together to show we care about the children in the community," Raymond said.

Cressey is getting the word out among organizations, such as the Rotary Club, and occasional letters to the editor of The Bethel Citizen.

Hart said one of his goals is for the school to become an extension of the community.

"This makes sense," he said of the Telstar Community Partnership.

A long-term goal is to develop a formal mentoring program to bring community resources to students.

The group generally meets twice a month. More members are needed. Anyone interested in joining the group may contact Laban at rosemary@yahoo.com or call the Telstar office at 824-2136.

Thank You

The family of Kenneth J. Hamel would like to thank Mary Wilson, Cheryl Burnham, and Linda Twitchell for going above and beyond in providing care for our father the last year-and-a-half of his life, and especially the last two weeks. We would also like to thank the care givers that joined our caregiving family for the last two week before Dad's passing; Jeannine Buck, Kristie Remington, Mary Ann Forbes, Darlene Evans, and Pat Powers. You all made Dad's last few weeks as good as they could be. We would also like to thank Androscoggin Hospice and Home care for the wonderful nurses and special care they were able to provide for our father. Day and night they were there! A special thank you to Dr. Eshleman and his office staff for the caring and concern during Dad's illness and over the last 20 years. Thank you to family and friends for the support they gave us throughout Dad's illness.

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Besides his parents, he leaves behind two dog sisters, Isis and Demeter, and a dog brother, George. We miss you already, Dakota, and we will not forget you. You will always be our cherished little king of the house.

Thank you to the Norway Veterinary Hospital for their support and kind words, as well as the beautiful card that we received from the staff.



BEAR RIVER VIEW-In this view from Route 26 in Newry following last week's snowstorm, snow swirls in the background. In the distance is Old Speck Mountain. The tall post in the foreground may be where a gate was once located, allowing access to the field behind the barn, speculated Randy Bennett of the Bethel Historical Society. More snow may be swirling today (Thursday), according to weather forecasts.

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\$8,000 grant awarded for Czech Boys' Choir

The Davis Family Foundation of Yarmouth has awarded a grant of \$8,000 to the Mahoosuc Arts Council as fiscal sponsor of an arts consortium including the Arts Institute of Western Maine and the Kingfield Pops to bring a world-class musical group to the Maine Mountain Region for an extended stay of performances, school programs, and experiencing hospitality in the communities of Farmington, Wilton, Bethel, Kingfield and Strong.

For this five-day regional visit in these western Maine communities, the group will be hosted by the Wilson Lake Inn in Wilton, the University of Maine in Farmington, Gould Academy in Bethel, Old South Church, the Homestead Bakery and Restaurant, Titcomb Mountain, and the Narrow Gauge Cinema. Choir members will also spend two nights with families in Farmington.

This extraordinary opportunity for international cultural enrichment is a collaborative project of the Arts Institute of Western Maine, the Mahoosuc Arts Council, and Kingfield Pops to bring a world-class musical group to the Maine Mountain Region for an extended stay of performances, school programs, and experiencing hospitality in the communities of Farmington, Wilton, Bethel, Kingfield and Strong.

The foundation for this visit is the musical friendship between Bruce McInnes, director of the UMF-Community Chorus and the Old South Church Choir, and Jan Misek, the director of the Bonifantes Boys Choir growing out of the meeting of the Bonifantes and Bruce McInnes' Mastersingers USA in a festival in Barcelona in 2005.

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